

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 7-22 are currently pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter. No new matter has been added to the application.

### **35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) Rejection of Claims 1 and 7-10**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,175,619 (DeSimone) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,452,922 (Ho). The Examiner has also rejected claims 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over DeSimone. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's objection to claims 2-5 and 11-22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the objected to limitations of claim 5, thereby placing claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claims 2-4 and 7-22 being dependent upon independent claim 1 are also not taught or disclosed by the combination of references. Applicant requests that the rejections of claims 1 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) be withdrawn.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and reconsideration is requested. If the Examiner believes that

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any issues remain unresolved, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcome.

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